COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND PURCHASING

(Standing Committee of Berkeley County Council)

Chairman: Mr. Caldwell Pinckney, Jr., Council District No. 7

A meeting of the COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND PURCHASING, Standing Committee of Berkeley County Council, was held on Monday, February 13, 2012, in the Assembly Room of the Berkeley County Administration Building, 1003 Highway 52, Moncks Corner, South Carolina, at 6:13 p.m.

PRESENT: Mr. Caldwell Pinckney, Jr., Chairman, Council District No. 7; Committee Members: Mr. Phillip Farley, Council District No. 1, Mr. Robert O. Call, Jr., Council District No. 3, Mr. Jack H. Schurlknight, Council District No. 6; ex-officios: Mr. Daniel W. Davis, Berkeley County Supervisor, Mr. Timothy Callanan, District No. 2, Mrs. Cathy S. Davis, District No. 4, and Mr. Steve Davis, District No. 8; Ms. Nicole Scott Ewing, County Attorney; and Ms. Catherine Windham, Interim Clerk to Council. Mr. Dennis L. Fish, Council District No. 5 was excused.

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, the electronic and print media were duly notified.

Chairman Pinckney: "I'd like to call the Committee on Public Works and Purchasing to order. Ms. Clerk, has this meeting been properly noticed?"

Ms. Windham: "Yes, sir. This meeting has been properly noticed via the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act."

Chairman Pinckney: "Thank you."

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Pinckney: "First on the agenda is approval of minutes for the January 9, 2012 meeting."

Committee Member Farley: "So move."

Committee Member Schurlknight: "Second."

Chairman Pinckney: "I have a motion and a second. Any corrections to these minutes? (No Response) All in favor, please say Aye? (Ayes) Opposes, Nay? (No Response) The minutes stand approved as presented."

It was moved by Committee Member Farley and seconded by Committee Member Schurlknight to approve the minutes as presented. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote of the Committee.

Chairman Pinckney: "Next is..."

A. Mr. Frank Carson, PE, County Engineer, Re: Construction Contract Award for Mourning Dove Drive and Firehouse Road.

Chairman Pinckney: "Mr. Carson?"

Mr. Carson: "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We had a bid opening on January 18th for these two Transporation Sales Tax Projects. We received 11 bids for the Mourning Dove Project and the low bidder is Plowden Construction Company of Sumter. We received 10 bids for the Firehouse Road Project and Plowden Construction was also the low bidder on that project. And, we recommend award of construction contract to Plowden Construction Company for Mourning Dove Drive Project in the amount of \$68,617 and for the Firehouse Road Project in the amount of \$347,933."

Chairman Pinckney: "What's the pleasure of the Committee?"

Committee Member Schurlknight: "Move for approval."

Committee Member Farley: "Second. Is this..."

Chairman Pinckney: "Mr..."

Committee Member Farley: "I seconded it. Discussion?"

Chairman Pinckney: "Ok, yes sir."

Committee Member Farley: "Is this within the budget of it?"

Mr. Frank Carson: "Yes sir, in general, these are I believe, maybe the fourth and fifth projects. We have some higher, some lower but we're all, they're all been at least under the allocations we had when we originally came up with budgets."

Committee Member Farley: "Thank you."

Chairman Pinckney: "Any further discussion? (No Response) All in favor? (Ayes) Opposes, Nay? (No Response) Motion carries."

It was moved by Committee Member Schurlknight and seconded by Committee Member Farley to award the Construction Contract to Plowden Construction Company in the amount of \$68,617.00 for Mourning Dove Drive and \$347,933.00 for Firehouse Road. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote of the Committee.

Chairman Pinckney: "Next is..."

B. Mr. John Hamer, CPPB, Director of Procurement, Re: Surplus Equipment.

Chairman Pinckney: "Mr. Hamer?"

Mr. Hamer: "Yes sir, you should have an updated list, dated today that should be in your folder. We had some changes from the original list. Basically, we transferred some of the surplus vehicles to Sangaree for some of the older equipment. So, we are seeking approval so we can dispose of these. Attachment "A" is the ones that we will be probably selling on govdeals.com, that's an online bidding company that we use. Attachment "B" is the vehicles that have been a total loss this fiscal year. Attachment "C" which is the two trade-ins we did and then Attachment "D" is the information on ones that we transferred to other departments to update their fleet."

Chairman Pinckney: "What's the pleasure of the Committee?"

Committee Member Call: "So move."

Committee Member Schurlknight: "Second."

Chairman Pinckney: "I have a motion and a second. Are there any discussions?

Committee Member Schurlknight: "Yeah, Mr. Chairman?"

Chairman Pinckney: "Mr. Schurlknight?"

Committee Member Schurlknight: "John, on Attachment 'B', you said those are total losses?"

Mr. Hamer: "Yes."

Committee Member Schurlknight: "And the payment is the insurance payments for it?"

Mr. Hamer: "That was what the insurance company paid us, yes."

Committee Member Schurlknight: "And the total payment is what the insurance paid us for them a piece."

Mr. Hamer: "Yes."

Committee Member Schurlknight: "Ok, thank you."

Chairman Pinckney: "All in favor? (Ayes) Opposes, Nay? (No Response) Motion carries."

Mr. Hamer: "Thank you."

It was moved by Committee Member Call and seconded by Committee Member Schurlknight to approve the designation of surplus property and authorizing the sale of same. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote of Council. (Copies of exhibits are attached to these minutes.)

Chairman Pinckney: "Next is..."

C. Mr. Mark Schlievert, BCWS Director of Solid Waste, Re:

1. Landfill Gas Expansion for Closure of Cells 1-4 MWS.

Mr. Schlievert: "Good evening. This is to install approximately 17 new wells in conjunction with our existing landfill gas facility. It's also needed as part of the closure for cells 1-4 to control gas. Once we put a liner on that, if we don't control the gas it will balloon up and cause a failure for the closure, the cap. And, we sent this out for bid. SCS Field Services who did install the original gas system is the low bid and we recommend that they do the project in the amount of \$339,300."

Chairman Pinckney: "What's the pleasure of the Committee?"

Committee Member Call: "So move."

Committee Member Schurlknight: "Second."

Chairman Pinckney: "I have a motion and a second. Is there any discussion? (No Response) All in favor? (Ayes) Opposes, Nay? (No Response) Motion carries."

It was moved by Committee Member Call and seconded by Committee Member Schurlknight to award the bid for the Landfill Gas Expansion for Closure of Cells 1-4 MSW to SCS Field Services in the amount of \$339,300.00. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote of the Committee.

2. Purchase of 14 New Roll-Off Cans.

Mr. Schlievert: "Yeah, this is a combination of recycling cans and replacement of our existing collection cans for convenience centers and our satellite facilities. We budgeted \$80,054 and New Life Environmental Incorporated was low bid at \$74,243.02 and we recommend they be awarded this bid."

Chairman Pinckney: "What's the pleasure of the Committee?"

Committee Member Call: "So move."

Chairman Pinckney: "I have a motion. Do I have a second?"

Committee Member Farley: "Second for discussion. Where are these containers going?"

Mr. Schlievert: "They'll be located at our current convenience center sites throughout the County."

Chairman Pinckney: "All in favor? (Ayes) Opposes, Nay? (No Response) Motion carries."

It was moved by Committee Member Call and seconded by Committee Member Farley to approve the purchase of 14 Roll-Off containers from Nu-Life Environmental, Inc. in the amount of \$74, 243.02. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote of the Committee.

Chairman Pinckney: "Next is..."

D. Mr. Doug Tompkins, BCWS Deputy Director of Operations, Re: Purchase of two (2) 2012 Freightliner Roll-Off Trucks.

Mr. Thompkins: "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We are requesting County Council to approve the purchase of two Freightliner Roll-Off trucks. This is to replace two 2005 Mac Roll-Offs, where both of them have an excess of 220,000 miles. The low bidder was Columbia Tractor, \$288,000, but we had a local vendor Triple-T, that was within the 5% they agreed to sell them for the same price as the Columbia Tractor so, we're recommending Triple-T in Berkeley County for the purchase of the two roll-off trucks."

Chairman Pinckney: "What's the pleasure of the Committee?"

Committee Member Farley: "Move for approval."

Committee Member Schurlknight: "Second and for discussion."

Chairman Pinckney: "I have a motion and a second; discussion?"

Committee Member Schurlknight: "Doug, what did you say the mileage was on these trucks?"

Mr. Thompkins: "Both of them are in excess of 220,000 miles, each one."

Committee Member Schurlknight: "Are those diesel motors?"

Mr. Thompkins: "Yes."

Committee Member Schurlknight: "What kind of problems are you having with the trucks? What happened, that they're needing to be replaced?"

Mr. Thompkins: "They take quite a beating on the landfill itself."

Committee Member Schurlknight: "Right."

Mr. Thompkins: "The suspension and that part of the transmission so, it's not so much the engine itself, but just the rest of the vehicle that really gets wore out going up and down the hill."

Committee Member Schurlknight: "What model?"

Mr. Thompkins: "2005."

Committee Member Schurlknight: "05? So six years..."

Mr. Thompkins: "Seven, yes sir."

Committee Member Schurlknight: "Seven years, getting out of them."

Mr. Thompkins: "Yes, sir."

Committee Member Schurlknight: "You would hope they would last longer than that."

Mr. Thompkins: "Well, the engine they will but the suspension and just the rest of the truck just really takes a beating. This is pretty typical."

Committee Member Schurlknight: "Ok, thank you."

Chairman Pinckney: "All in favor? (Ayes) All those opposed Nay? (No Response) Motion carries."

It was moved by Committee Member Farley and seconded by Committee Member Schurlknight to approve the purchase of 2 Freightliner Roll-Off Trucks from Triple-T in the amount of \$288,468.00. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote of the Committee.

Chairman Pinckney: "Next is..."

E. Mr. Jimmy Crepeau, BCWS Deputy Director of Operations, Re: Purchase of a New Bar Screen at the LBWWTP.

Mr. Crepeau: "Yes sir, Mr. Chairman. We'd like to request permission to proceed with the purchase of a new bar screen to be located in the new Head Works building at the Lower Berkeley Waste Water Treatment Facility. We had budgeted \$200,000 for the purchase of this screen and the Duperon Corporation has provided us a quotation in the amount of \$153,100."

Chairman Pinckney: "What's the pleasure of the Committee?"

Committee Member Call: "Move for approval."

Committee Member Schurlknight: "Second."

Chairman Pinckney: "I have a motion and a second. Is there any discussion? (No Response) All in favor? (Ayes) All those opposed Nay? (No Response) Motion carries."

It was moved by Committee Member Call and seconded by Committee Member Schurlknight to approve the purchase of a New Bar Screen located at the LBWWTP in the amount of \$153,100 from the Duperon Corporation. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote of the Committee.

Chairman Pinckney: "Thank you, sir."

Committee Member Schurlknight: "Move for adjournment."

Chairman Pinckney: "I've got an addendum."

Committee Member Schurlknight: "Oh, ok."

Chairman Pinckney: "We've got ..."

F. Mr. Frank Carson, PE, County Engineer, Re: Highway 41 Bridge Project.

Mr. Carson: "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I am going to ask for some assistance from Councilman Callanan with this. We recently had, as you know, we completed some of the environmental work on Clements Ferry Road, Phase I widening. And we've had a public information meeting and some of the plans that you might have seen called for, rather than a standard cross section of the road, with bike lanes, and sidewalks on both sides. This would have a multi-purpose path on one side and that came from several issues in working with the City of Charleston and CHATS and other entities. That seemed to be the best solution because of the nature of the area. It gave some separation for our residents from the highway, busy highway with a lot of truck traffic and also solves some right of way issues because of the commercial development that's encroaching into that right of way. The fact that there's a 25 foot utility easement that provides some open space on one side of the road. This suggestion was made, I believe Councilman Callanan had contacted DOT about the possibility of extending that cross section and using that on SC41 bridge that's about to be replaced. That bridge is going to be replaced under design build contract so DOT is postponed that several times and I think it's about ready to go out for industry comments and then following receipt of the industry comments it will go out for request for proposal. But at any rate, they seem to be amendable to that and that was acceptable with Mt. Pleasant. A number of calls were made, trying to make that come to pass. You can see from this email that I received late this morning and the cross sections that DOT is now saying that they would not entertain that. That they want to keep the typical cross section with sidewalks on both sides partly because of the uncertainty about any future

projects on the Phase II of Clements Ferry Road and widening of SC41 on the Mt. Pleasant side. So, at this point I guess this for information."

Council Member Callanan: "Right. Mr. Chairman?"

Chairman Pinckney: "Yes, sir."

Council Member Callanan: "Yeah, I just wanted to bring up a couple of things. One of the, what I was actually trying to accomplish was that if you think of that bridge, if you imagine its replacement, there is, there will be a bike path eventually with Phase II Clements Ferry, Whenever that is, leading up to it on one side only and so my thought was why would we have two 5 ½, what they told me at the time was 4 foot sidewalks on both sides. Why not just put them on one side of the bridge, considering you only going to give pedestrian access on the one side? What he told me today just to add some more color to this, is that since it is an operable bridge, when they build it, they can't change it because it's got to be balanced and what have you. And so, because of the crown of the road they can't have an imbalance on one side which is saying they can only have sidewalks on both sides. So, even though it's a sidewalk on the opposite side that will always be a sidewalk to and from nowhere, you know that's going to be installed on that side and a 5 ½ foot sidewalk with a 6 ½ foot, what looks like a shoulder. Is that right?"

Mr. Carson: "Yes, that would function basically as a shoulder in the top cross section and if were widened to four lanes then you'd have DOT refers to it as a bike friendly lane. The 14 foot wide lane on the outside which is similar to what's being built on Hwy 17A; it's not a bike lane. But, it's a bike friendly lane. So, the car can miss you."

Council Member Callanan: "So, the question I have is, do you think that 6.6 foot lane, we have a 15 foot median in the middle there to build this. Could that be stripped as a bike lane?"

Mr. Carson: "The 6.6?"

Council Member Callanan: "Yeah."

Mr. Carson: "It could be a bike lane that's 4 feet wide typically so, if you had sidewalks what you would have for a bike lane is typically is 4 feet. I think what will have to happen now is you may know that right now SC41 goes from the bridge and it goes straight."

Council Member Callanan: "Right."

Mr. Carson: "Well, it eventually goes to 45 and into Jamestown. But, because of the traffic it's gonna, the predominate traffic is gonna follow to 33 on Clements Ferry Road. So, there will be a continuous curve and 41 is going to 'T' into it. So, what he suggesting here, and then I would have to look at the plans, is that 41 would have to have now sidewalks on both sides and at that intersection somehow the people on that path would have to manipulate their way over, one way or the other, to get off the path, or onto the path."

Council Member Callanan: "Right and that's the problem I'm trying to avoid."

Mr. Carson: "Right."

Council Member Callanan: "Is that there's no continuity between the projects when it comes to pedestrian and so, I guess this...I mean, they're restricted because it's a bridge and my guess this is fine but, the only question I would have and we really don't have to have a letter on it is you know, if they can stripe that shoulder as a designated bicycle lane I think that would probably solve our problems. By giving...I mean, it's still on the road but it's a wide enough lane where you really wouldn't have to worry about it."

Committee Member Farley: "Could that be an emergency lane?"

Council Member Callanan: "It's a middle lane."

Committee Member Farley: "Well, I'm just saying though, if you have a wreck."

Mr. Carson: "Well, a 6 ½ foot shoulder is essentially a break down lane and a 15 foot median. I'm not sure the purpose for having a bridge that wide when it's a two lane bridge other than obviously evacuations because the constraint for evacuations is not going to be the bridge. The constraint is gonna be either side of the bridge which is a two-lane highway. So, that's where the traffic is gonna stop. So, at some point they obviously anticipate that it will be a widened highway as well."

Committee Member Farley: "Height of the bridge?"

Mr. Carson: "I forget. But, it's a drawbridge. It's not a fixed span bridge. That was the big controversy and out of the environmental process the NEPA process that was the result and public, a lot of public comments, a lot of input from the Coast Guard and so forth but, it is a drawbridge now."

Chairman Pinckney: "So Frank, do we know conclusively what we need to do in this process or?"

Mr. Carson: "I think the suggestion to ask for designation as bike lanes is a good idea given their, DOT's position at this point."

Council Member Callanan: "And I do have one other question on this and I was speaking to Senator Grooms today about it because he had mentioned it to me a little while ago. There's some sort of Memorandum of Understanding in existence, from the 1990's, between the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources, South Carolina Department of Transportation and the United States Department of Transportation, saying that whenever federal dollars are used to replace a bridge over navigable waters that within that project they have to provide access, public access to the water. Now, in an earlier plan on this, there was some sort of mention of that and I

don't see any part of that in this project and that's...if you live east of the Cooper in Berkeley County, you know that there is no public boat access anywhere near there."

Mr. Carson: "Right."

Council Member Callanan: "I'm just wondering if they had brought that up or?"

Mr. Carson: "It's been brought up several times over the past few years. The latest and his staff came to us and we had... they were interested in public access to the water, not so much a boat landing but, perhaps a dock, something of that sort and we also met with DNR and DNR tried to come up with a plan for a boat ramp that would be on the west side of the bridge on the Berkeley side, if you will. Actually, you may know there's a little, the landing of the bridge on both sides is Berkeley County because the Detyen's property is Berkeley County as well. And so, we worked with Tim Benson at DNR and he tried to come up with a plan. The problem is not having a ramp. The problem is having parking..."

Council Member Callanan: "Right."

Mr. Carson: "For the ramp and there was just no way to fit more than a handful of parking spaces in what would be left in that right of way. At some point in time there, if you could purchase land upstream of the bridge there is an old boat ramp there. That's privately held property and would take something other than just the right of way. So, there wasn't really an opportunity in this right of way according to DNR study to put a ramp, and parking, and because again, because of the drawbridge, now there's not places like Wappoo Cut. You actually have one way in on one side of the bridge and out on the other side and you have to be able to go under the bridge. Because of the lower height bridge that's not a possibility at this location."

Council Member Callanan: "But the public access with regards to like a fishing pier or anything like...because the bridge is not just being replaced, it's being shifted."

Mr. Carson: "Right."

Council Member Callanan: "So, there's....like the Ravenel Bridge when it was being replaced you ended up with a corridor of property that ends up owned by the Department of Transportation. I assume what happens to that land..."

Mr. Carson: "I'm not sure what's going to happen in this case and there might be an opportunity for something like that. Again, the problem is the parking for it."

Council Member Callanan: "Right. The last question, this may be a long shot, being that there's a Memorandum of Understanding on that with regards to public boat access. Does it have to be under that bridge? If the goal is to, we're replacing a bridge. Memorandum says we have to provide additional public access to the waterway, could that be mitigated somewhere else?"

Mr. Carson: "I'm familiar with the memorandum you're talking about and when we pursued that to begin with it's a little bit, that memorandum didn't come with much authority. It's sort of like both agencies would use their best efforts and if there's an opportunity there's some places when the 17A Bridge over the Santee River was replaced that boat ramp, I think that was a case where that was done and there are some others and it worked. I think it has to be an opportunity or a place where there is enough right of way to physically put it on the old footprint. I'm not sure that mitigating that somewhere else is a possibility or no one was willing to pursue that at the time. But, we can look into that again and Senator Grooms is probably in a better position to push that point in his current position."

Council Member Callanan: "Alright, and if we're gonna request that they restripe that, see if they can restripe it. Would you....there's an existing resolution by Council saying that we are going to oppose any bridge above 25 feet, and this clearly goes above 25 feet. Is it necessary that we write in there, you know, that this particular resolution or whatever this letter, to let you know that we support this current plan and ignore that previous resolution."

Mr. Carson: "I'll find out if that's necessary or appropriate. Since we're not going to write, we'll be writing a different letter..."

Council Member Callanan: "I mean, you can just ask, it's not changing the engineering of the bridge."

Mr. Carson: "Sure."

Council Member Callanan: "Ok, thank you."

Chairman Pinckney: "So do we need a motion to move forward with this 41 project or is this just for information purposes?"

Supervisor D. Davis: "Well, I think right now it's just going to proceed as it is."

Chairman Pinckney: "Just proceed as it is?"

Mr. Carson: "If you'd like Mr. Chairman, before the Council meets at the end of the month I can bring back whatever information, if there is anything to act on it at that time if they would like a letter about the bridge height or public access or things of that nature, then we can do that at that time."

Chairman Pinckney: "So, do I hear a motion to adjourn?"

Committee Member Schurlknight: "Move for adjournment."

Chairman Pinckney: "I'm sorry. Do I have a second?"

Committee Member Farley: "Second."

Chairman Pinckney: "I have a motion and a second. All in favor? (Ayes) Opposes Nay? (No Response) We stand adjourned, thank you."

It was moved by Committee Member Schurlknight and seconded by Committee Member Farley to **adjourn** the Committee on Public Works and Purchasing Meeting. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote of the Committee.

Meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

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February 8, 2012 S/Catherine R. Windham Interim Clerk of County Council

ADDENDUM

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February 9, 2012 S/Melissa P. Harris

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